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SUBJECT: COST REIMBURSABLE ASSISTANCE

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1. IN RESPONSE TO A NOTE IN WHICH THE EMBASSY CONVEYED TO THE GOTT THE OFFER OF COST REIMBURSABLE ASSISTANCE

DESCRIBED IN REF A, EMBOFFS MET WITH OFFICERS OF THE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS NOVEMBER 18 AT THE LATTER'S REQUEST TO EXPLAIN THE PROGRAM IN MORE DETAIL AND TO EXPLORE HOW THE GOTT MIGHT MAKE USE OF IT.

2. C.A.P. ST. HILL, DIRECTOR OF TRAINING IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, SAID THAT THE GOTT WISHES TO EMBARK ON A WIDE-SCALE TRAINING PROGRAM BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THE PRESENT UNDP ADMINISTRATIVE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO DEVELOP WITHIN THE T&T CIVIL SERVICE THE KINDS OF MANAGERIAL AND ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WILL REQUIRE IN THE NEAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FUTURE AS IT MOVES DEEPER INTO THE OPERATION OF PUBLIC

CORPORATIONS. THE PRESENT TRAINING OF MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE FOR THE TRADITIONAL ACTIVITIES OF GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, HAS NOT PREPARED THEM TO COPE WITH THE PROBLEMS OF RUNNING SUCH ENTERPRISES AS THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ELECTRIC COMPANY OR THE NEWLY-ACQUIRED TRINTOC OIL COMPANY (FORMERLY SHELL) OR FOR DEALING WITH THE LABORMANAGEMENT QUESTIONS INVOLVED. ST. HILL SAID THAT HE BELIEVED THAT A TRAINING PROGRAM BASED IN TRINIDAD WHICH WAS SPECIFICALLY GEARED TO LOCAL REQUIREMENTS WOULD HAVE THE BROAD EFFECT WHICH THE GOVERNMENT DESIRES AND WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET ITS NEED FOR RAPID ACTION.

- 3. ST. HILL AGREED TO PROVIDE THE EMBASSY WITH SPECIFIC DESCRIPTIONS OF THE PROGRAMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE MINISTRY, PROBABLY WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, FOR TRANSMISSION TO WASHINGTON. ON THE BASIS OF THESE DESCRIPTIONS, AID/STS COULD DEVELOP PROPOSALS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT BY THE GOTT.
- 4. COMMENT: THIS INITIATIVE BY THE GOTT REPRESENTS A REAL CHANGE IN THE ATTITUDE OF THE GOTT TOWARD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OR TRAINING BY U.S. NATIONALS WHICH, IF REALIZED, WOULD BENEFIT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. AS AN ADDITIONAL INDICATION OF THE PRESENT ACCEPTABILITY OF U.S. TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE, WE FOUND THAT THE EMBASSY'S NOTE ON THE REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HAD BEEN CIRCULATED TO ALL GOTT MINISTRIES.

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